commence the procurement of Copra under PSS. The State-wise procurement of Copra commenced as follows :—

State/UT	Date
A & N Islands	1-04-2001
Goa	13-10-2001
Karnataka	29-10-2001

Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh—These State Governments are in the process of finalizing the arrangements for procurement of Copra under PSS through their State agencies. The procurement is likely to commence soon.

(c) NAFED is the Central Nodal Agency for procurement of Oilseeds and Pulses including Copra under the PSS. NAFED in turn involves State Level Cooperative Federations for procurement under the Scheme. NAFED has so far procured a quantity of 10,107 MTs of Copra under PSS during 2001 season.

National Disaster Management Plan

1982. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY :

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been considering VSA type disaster management plan;

(b) whether a National Disaster Management Plan has been finalized;

(c) if so, what are its salient features;

(d) if not, what is the present stage; and

(e) by when a decision is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) to (e) A National Committee on Disaster Management has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister with a wide mandate which includes deliberating on necessary institutional and legislative measures needed for an effective and long-term strategy to deal with natural calamities in future. The Committee is yet to submit its Report.

Foodgrains to Chhattisgarh under Emergency Relief Fund

†1983. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the quantity of foodgrains distributed free

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.